

CHAPTER 4

II. VARIATION IN ACTIVITIES RELATED TO GOVERNING BODIES BY SIZE OF POPULATION SERVED - 2005

Type of Governance: Only 9% of the agencies serving populations up to 20,000 are governed by County Commissions. Twenty to twenty-five percent (20%-25%) of the agencies that serve populations over 20,001 are governed by County Commissions. (See Graph 9.1 and Data Table 9.1)

Orientation: forty percent (40%) of the agencies serving populations up to 40,000 use a checklist to orient new governing body members, while 25% or less of the larger agencies do so. Eight-three to eighty-nine percent (83%-89%) of agencies serving populations up to 80,000 provide new governing body members with a copy or information on Internet access to the Public Health Works, Orientation Manual for Public Health Leaders. However, only 46% of the largest agencies, those serving over 80,000, use this resource. (See Graphs 9.2 & 9.3 and Data Tables 9.2 & 9.3)

Resource Utilization: Overall, the smaller agencies are more likely to provide printed information, verbal, or other presentations to orient new governing body members. **Agency policy manuals** are provided to governing body members by 96% of the agencies serving populations of 20,000 or less, 97% of the agencies serving populations of 20,001-40,000, 88% of agencies serving populations of 40,001-80,000, but only 31% of the largest agencies serving over 80,000 populations. **Sunshine Law** information is provided by 93%-96% of the agencies serving populations of less than 40,000, while 75% and 54% of the agencies in the two larger categories provide that information. An **overview of the agency's programs and goals** is provided by 88% to 93% of the agencies serving populations of less than 80,000, while 77% of the largest size agencies (over 80,000 population) provide that information. **Other information on the roles and responsibilities** of governing body members is provided by 82%-88% of the agencies in three size categories serving populations up to 80,000, while only 38% of the largest agencies (over 80,000 population) provide that information. **The Public Health Makes Life Better video** is used by 50%-60% of the agencies in three size categories serving populations up to 80,000, while only 15% of the largest agencies provide that information. **Information on NALBOH** is presented to governing body members by 50%-53% of the agencies in two size categories serving populations up to 40,000, while only 31% and 23% of the two size categories serving populations over 40,000 present that information. 45%-56% of the agencies in three size categories serving populations up to 80,000 use the **Principles of Public Health** to orient new governing body members, while only 23% of the largest agencies provide that information. **Introduction to Epidemiology** is only presented to new governing body members by a small number of agencies, ranging from 8% to 19%, with the largest size agencies having the lowest percentage. Information regarding the **Ten Essential Public Health Services** is minimally used throughout the state, from no agencies serving populations of 20,001-80,000, to 5% of the agencies serving populations up to 20,000, and 8% of the largest agencies (over 80,001) providing that information. (See Graph 9.4 and Data Table 9.4)